

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

November 1, 2022

President Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW.
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Biden,

We write to you regarding a recent report about Chris Magnus, the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), being absent from or seemingly unengaged during high-level meetings pertaining to the immigration crisis at the southern border.¹

According to a recent report by Politico, Commissioner Magnus continually fails to attend high-level meetings regarding the border crisis. Even worse, he was caught sleeping through some of the meetings he actually attended. The report goes on to detail Commissioner Magnus' constant complaining about his fellow senior officials in Department of Homeland Security (DHS) instead of focusing on the CBP mission to secure our border. Concerningly, the report also states that Commissioner Magnus fails to actively participate during internal calls with Secretary Mayorkas regarding border and immigration issues.

This behavior is highly problematic considering the United States is experiencing the worst border-crossing crisis in this country's history, with a record 2,378,944 encounters at the Southern Border for Fiscal Year 2022. It is critical to secure our borders and that requires an engaged Commissioner leading CBP toward success in its three core missions of counterterrorism, border security, and trade enforcement.

Since December 12, 2021, when Mr. Magnus was sworn in to office as CBP Commissioner, reported border-crossing and smuggling numbers have seen a massive increase, with three consecutive months of record-breaking encounters along the Southern Border and seven months in a row of encounters exceeding over 200,000 along the Southern Border.² More than ever, we need a commissioner who understands the complexity of border policy and the innerworkings of the CBP agency. Commissioner Magnus has admitted that during his first ten months in office he spent more time *learning* the "many complex areas" of CBP rather than *leading* on the massive issues at the border. With our borders being overrun, there is simply no time for on-the-job training.

¹ Lipman, Daniel Biden's Top Border Chief Comes Under Internal Fire POLITICO (10/17/2022)
<https://www.politico.com/news/2022/10/17/customs-border-protection-chris-magnus-00061963>

² <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/stats/southwest-land-border-encounters>

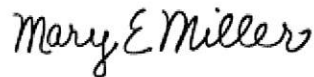
Mr. President, it is imperative that the leader of CBP not only understand the border but has a deep and keen understanding of immigration policies. The CBP Commissioner should be engaged on these issues and not asleep at the wheel during the largest border crisis in U.S. history.

Therefore, Mr. President, we ask that you request the resignation of Commissioner Magnus effective immediately to ensure our national security.

Sincerely,



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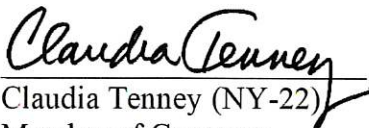
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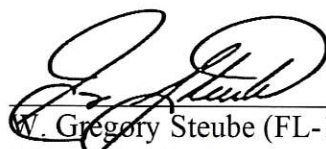
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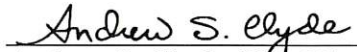
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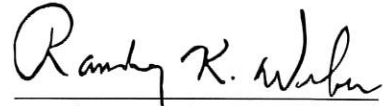

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